Later in the morning, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received the annual report of the Boy Scouts of America.

In the afternoon, the President participated in a photo opportunity with student delegates from the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts to congratulate the Senator on his victories in Democratic Presidential primary elections earlier in the day.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science: Francisco G. Cigarroa, Denice Dee Denton, Peter H. Raven, and Margaret H. Wright.

March 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Charlotte Van Fleet.

In the afternoon, at the Los Angeles Convention Center, the President met with faith-based program participants.

In the evening, the President attended a Republican National Committee Victory 2004 dinner at a private residence.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benjamin Grumbles to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals to attend the state funeral of President Boris Trajkovski of Macedonia on March 5: Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi (head of delegation); Lawrence Butler; Frank Wolf; Eliot Engel; Barry Jackson; and Kent Patton.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on January 28–31.

March 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Bakers-

field, CA, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dana Karcher.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Santa Clara, CA. Later, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on April 12.

The President announced his intention to designate Erle Nye as Chairman of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

March 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed President Vicente Fox of Mexico and his wife, Marta Sahagun de Fox, to the Bush Ranch.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for President and Mrs. Fox

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Dennis W. Carlton; Deborah A. Garza; Sanford M. Litvack; and Deborah P. Majoras.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted March 1

Ann R. Klee,

of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Robert E. Fabricant, resigned.

Submitted March 2

Deborah Hersman,

of Virginia, to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2008, vice John Goglia, term expired.

Submitted March 3

Benjamin Grumbles,

of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice George Tracy Mehan III, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released February 28

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to the Reagan Lecture

Statement by the Press Secretary condemning the violence in Haiti

Released February 29

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3850

Released March 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released March 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: President Highlights a More Secure America on First Anniversary of Department of Homeland Security

Released March 3

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan and Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Office Director Jim Towey

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Fact sheet: Compassion in Action: Helping America's Charities Serve Those Most in Need

Released March 4

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 743

Released March 5

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Acts Approved by the President

Approved February 29

H.R. 3850 / Public Law 108–202 Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004

Approved March 2

H.R. 743 / Public Law 108–203 Social Security Protection Act of 2004

S. 523 / Public Law 108–204 Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004